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MEDIA NOTE

**Department of State Ranks among Top Five in
2009 Best Places to Work**

The Partnership for Public Service and American University's Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation have announced the results of the 2009 *Best Places to Work in the Federal Government* ranking, and the Department of State has placed fifth among the 30 large Federal agencies, up from sixth place in 2007.

Rankings are based on the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's biannual Federal Human Capital Survey of over 200,000 executive branch employees in over 250 federal organizations, conducted in 2008.

Best Places to Work is the most comprehensive ranking of federal government organizations on overall employee engagement, as well as in ten workplace dimensions. The rankings are designed to offer job seekers unprecedented insight into the best opportunities for public service and to provide managers and government leaders a roadmap for improving employee engagement and commitment.

It is worth noting that out of 30 large agencies, the Department of State ranked third on support for diversity; third on effective leadership; third on performance based rewards and advancement; and third on teamwork.

To view all the rankings and analyses of the results, please visit <http://www.bestplacestowork.org>.

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